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Minutes of the November 17, 2016 Open Meeting

Board members arrive early and begin processing applications. The following attendance was recorded:

Board Members Present

Joel Goodmonson, PE, Chairman
Paul Tyrell, PE, Vice Chairman
Ronald Willey, PE
Dennis Drumm, PLS
Maurice Pilette, PE
Edward Englander, Esq. Public Member
Paul Tsang, PE
Peter Hale, PLS, Secretary
Scott Cameron, PLS
Daniel Caron, PE

Board Members Absent

Members of the Public Present

Katrina Brown
Abbie Goodman

Division Staff Members present at various times during the meeting:

Sheila York, Board Counsel
Clinton Dick, Executive Director
Aidan McGrath, Board Administrator
Eric Funk, Board Administrator
Seth Henderson, Prosecuting Counsel

1. Chairman Joel Goodmonson opened the meeting at 9:43am and notified attendees of the evacuation procedures.
2. Executive Director Clinton Dick introduced the Board to Eric Funk, who would be taking over for Aidan McGrath as Board Administrator in the coming months.
3. The Board tabled the discussion of the October 27, 2016 open meeting minutes.
4. The Board discussed two topics that were tabled at the previous meeting: the establishment of committees to look into creating a policy for the evaluation of non-ABET-accredited degrees with NCEES evaluations, including degrees determined to be deficient in general education courses, as well as a policy for evaluating applications submitted by individuals who had passed their NCEES PE exam prior to completing their required work experience. It was determined that Paul Tyrell, Paul Tsang and Ron Willey would meet before the December Board meeting to discuss the possible new policy for exams, and that Dennis Drumm and Ron Willey would meet separately before the next meeting to discuss the Board's treatment of NCEES degree evaluations, including those short on general education credits.
5. Sheila York informed the Board that she was awaiting response on approvals for the proposed regulations and that she had not yet heard anything back.



6. Katrina Brown addressed the Board regarding their recent review of her application. She felt that the regulations should allow the Board to exercise more discretion in the review of applications. Although she had not yet met the length of experience requirements of the regulations for licensure in Massachusetts, she believed she was qualified through the quality of her work experience and the strength of her references. The Board stated that allowing for more subjectivity in the review of applications would lead to discrepancies and increased confusion, and that the regulations were created to protect the public by ensuring that all licensed engineers had met certain concrete requirements prior to practicing within the state. Ms. Brown exited at 9:59 am.
7. The Board reviewed the requirements for reinstatement of licensure as set forth in 250 CMR 5.07. Specifically, they clarified that all applicants for reinstatement would need to clarify for the Board the reason that their Massachusetts license expired, whether or not they had been practicing lawfully since their Massachusetts license expired, and why they are now intending to reinstate their license. They also clarified that all applicants for reinstatement would be required to meet the current regulatory requirements for licensure, which may not be the same as the requirements that were met when the applicant initially became licensed.
8. Clinton Dick informed the Board that going forward, DPL may be able to process self-disclosures of discipline of licensees internally within the CORI policy, saving time at the Board meetings by not requiring the Board to review each self-disclosure individually.
9. Abbie Goodman left at 10:10 am. Edward Englander motioned, seconded by Dan Caron, to suspend the open session and enter into Closed Investigative Session under M.G.L. c. 112 §65C to discuss pending investigatory matters. Motion passed.
10. Open session resumed at 11:45am. P. Tsang left the meeting at 11:00 am.
11. For the record, P. Tyrell recused himself from discussions regarding EN-2016-0334.
12. Report of actions taken during closed investigate conference:
 - EN-20150518EN022-IT-ENF: Settlement discussions with Prosecutor
 - EN-20150514EN020-IT-ENF: Settlement discussions with Prosecutor
 - EN-20150731EN006-IT-ENF: Settlement discussions with Prosecutor
 - EN-2016-0312: Forward to Prosecutions
 - EN-2016-0249: Dismiss without prejudice
 - EN-2016-0240: Dismiss without prejudice
 - EN-2016-0057: Dismiss without prejudice
 - EN-2016-000499-IT-ENF: Dismiss without prejudice
 - EN-2016-0501: Dismiss without prejudice
 - EN-2016-0306: Dismiss with an Advisory Letter
 - EN-2016-0075: Forward to Prosecutions
 - EN-2016-0312: Pending Follow-up by Investigator
 - EN-2016-0318: Dismiss with an Advisory Letter
 - EN-2016-0502: Forward to Prosecutions
 - EN-2016-0334: Dismiss with an Advisory letter
 - EN-2016-0292: Forward to Prosecutions
13. Clinton Dick distributed the DPL Annual Report for the 2015 Fiscal Year to the Board members.

14. Chairman Joel Goodmonson announced that he would be stepping down from Chairman of the Board in 2017. A vote was scheduled for the next Board meeting.
15. At 11:56 am the Chair noted that there were no further topics for the public Board meeting. Edward Englander motioned to adjourn. Ron Willey seconded. Motion passed.

Respectfully submitted by,



Aidan McGrath

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Documents Used at the public session of the Board Meeting:

DPL Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2015